

CLEAR CREEK MANAGEMENT AREA DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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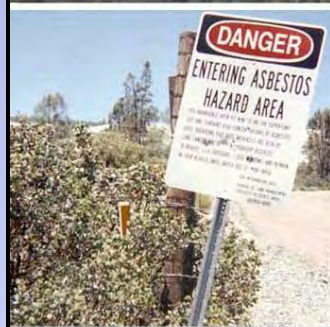


Welcome to the

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Management Area

DRAFT RMP/EIS

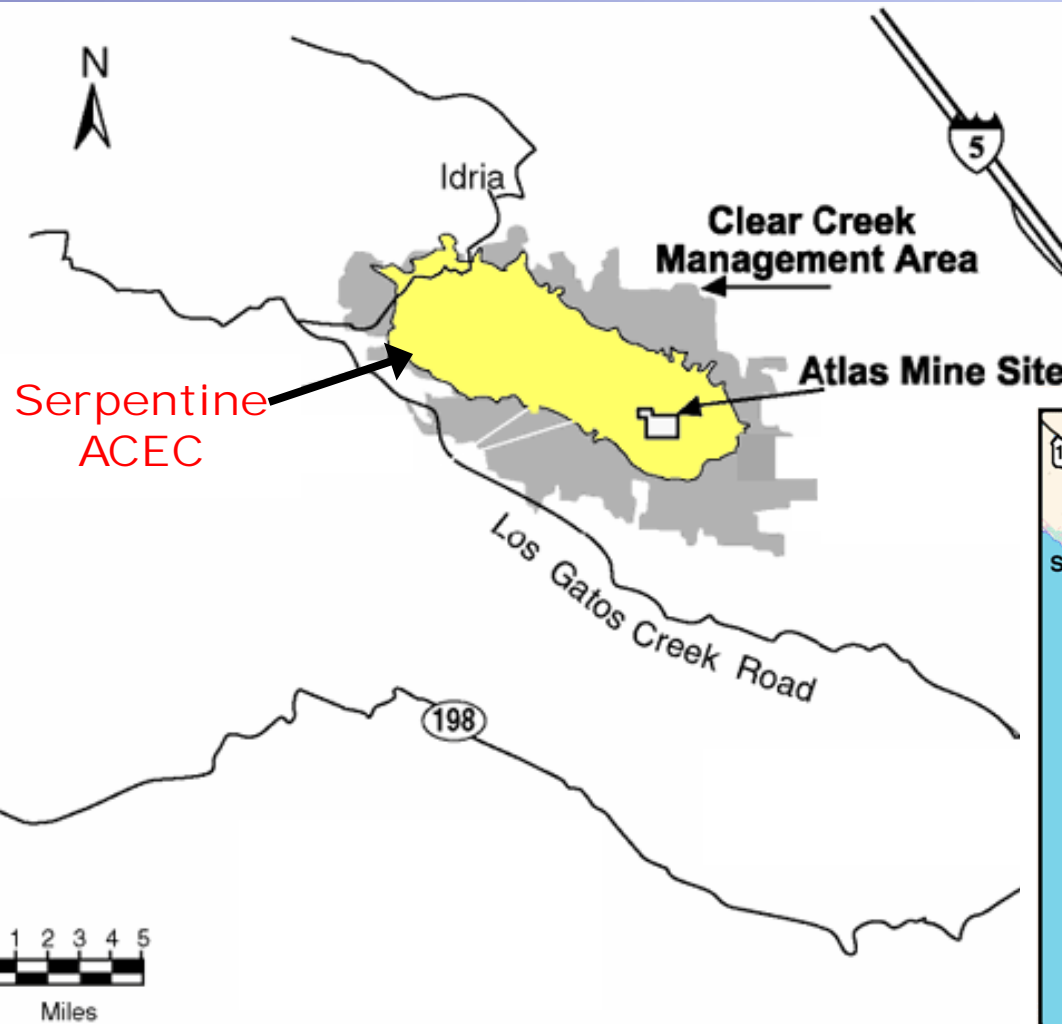
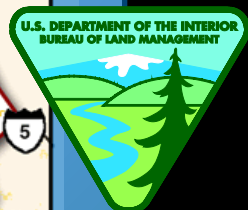
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Planning History

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1984 -- Hollister RMP

2004 -- EPA initiated CCMA Asbestos Exposure & Human Health Risk Assessment (AE&HHRA)

- BLM agreed to address results of AE&HHRA through land use planning process.

2007 -- NOI for “stand-alone” CCMA RMP/EIS

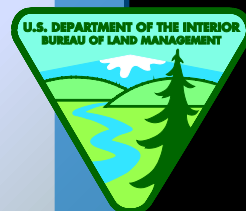
- Comprehensive Land Use Plan for 75,000 acre area of which 63,000 public acres

2008 – CCMA AE&HHRA completed.

- Asbestos exposure above “acceptable risk range” year-round.
- BLM Temporary Closure Order for Serpentine ACEC during development of CCMA RMP/EIS to address EPA AE&HHRA.

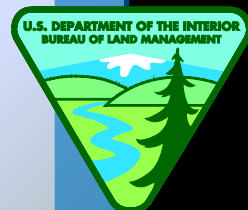
2009 – *NOA for Draft CCMA RMP/EIS*

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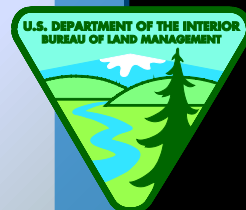
Purpose & Need

- The purpose of the RMP is to establish guidance for public lands in CCMA to address current issues, knowledge, and conditions to:
 - Minimize asbestos exposure & reduce asbestos emissions.
 - Consider alternative land use allocations for recreation, energy & minerals, livestock grazing, realty, and other land use authorizations.
 - Protect sensitive natural and cultural resources
- The RMP is necessary to evaluate significant new information in EPA's CCMA AE&HHRA (2008) and to consider changes in social and economic conditions in California since the original Hollister RMP, such as:
 - increased demand for OHV recreation,
 - increased social awareness and demand to protect public health
 - increased awareness and social value placed on the cultural and natural resources



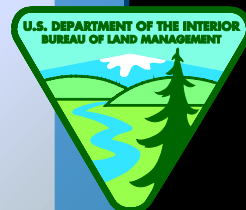
Public Health & Safety

- EPA AE&HHRA conclusions:
 - The Activity Causes the Exposure
 - Children Are of Special Concern
 - The Higher the Exposure, the Higher the Risk
 - Reducing the Exposure Will Reduce the Risk
- In determining the appropriate land use for CCMA, BLM must consider managing risk to public and employees.
- The Preferred Alternative must limit use that:
 - Creates High Levels of Asbestos Emissions
 - Increases Potential for Public Exposure to Asbestos
 - Requires Intensive Management of Hazardous Asbestos Areas



Range of Alternatives

- **Alternative A** represents the 'No Action' alternative and would reaffirm current management under the 1984 Hollister RMP (as amended).
- **Alternative B** maintains multiple use opportunities in CCMA, and considers multiple mitigation measures to protect public health and safety.
- **Alternative C** limits OHV recreation opportunities in the Serpentine ACEC based on vehicle types and minimum age requirements, and includes other mitigation measures to protect public health.
- **Alternative D** emphasizes vehicle access for non-motorized recreation opportunities inside the ACEC, and new OHV recreation opportunities outside of the ACEC.
- **Alternative E** (Preferred Alternative) allows vehicle touring on an 11-mile Scenic Route in the ACEC, and emphasizes non-motorized recreation opportunities elsewhere.
- **Alternative F** limits public use in the ACEC to non-motorized access by permit only.
- **Alternative G** minimizes public health risk by prohibiting all public access and entry into the Serpentine ACEC.



Next Steps

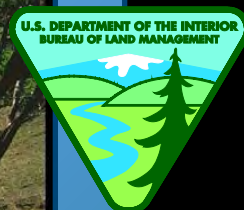
RMP/EIS Schedule

Proposed RMP/Final EIS:

- Federal Register Notice of Availability
(approx. September 2010)
- 30-day Public Protest Period

Record of Decision:

- Federal Register
Notice of Availability
(approx. January 2011)

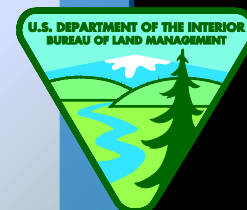


Commenting on the Draft CCMA RMP/EIS

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- ***Only written comments*** will be incorporated into the Proposed RMP and provided a response in the Final EIS.
- Comments may be submitted at the public meetings or by mail, email, or fax.
- Provide clear concise comments that are relevant to the analysis of the proposed action.
- Comments must be postmarked or received by BLM no later than March 5, 2010.

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Verbal Comment Session

- Purpose of hearing verbal comments is to capture general themes of public comments; verbal comments will not be directly responded to in the Final EIS.
- Speakers need to be registered.
- Each speaker will be allowed 3 minutes.
- Identify yourself and organization, if applicable.
- Please be respectful.

